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SUBJECT: UNIDO - GROUP B MEETING

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REF: A. VIENNA 6165 (NOTAL) B. STATE 144928

SUMMARY - GROUP B MET JULY 16 AND DISCUSSED, FOR MOST PART ON UNINSTRUCTED BASIS, STATUS OF SCRETARIAT PREPARATIONS FOR UNIDO-II, REPLY TO ABDEL-RAHMAN LETTER OF JUNE 21, SECRETARIAT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES, CANDIDACIES FOR UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP, AND IDB CANDIDACIES. END SUMMARY.

1. GROUP B MET JULY 16, BELGIAN PERMREP (DE LIEDEKERKE) IN CHAIR. DENMARK, GREECE, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND TURKEY ABSENT AND FRG REPRESENTED BY SUBSTANTIVELY UNFAMILIAR MISOFF. MAJORITY OF MISSION REPS UNINSTRUCTED AND HAD LITTLE CONTRIBUTE EXCEPT ON PERSONAL BASIS.

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CHAIRMAN DROPPED FROM AGENDA ITEM ON EXCHANGES RE LIKELY

PRINCIPAL ISSUES AT UNIDO-II, EXPLAINING TO US PRIVATELY
MAJORITY OF REPS NOT PREPARED DISCUSS MEANINGFULLY.

2. A-R LETTER--ALTHOUGH MAJORITY UNINSTRUCTED, ALL
STATED OR OPINED THEIR GOVTS WOULD NOT BE PREPARED
REPLY SUBSTANTIVELY UNTIL WELL AFTER BEGINNING OF
AUGUST, IF AT ALL. GROUP MEMBERS AGREED IF AND WHEN
INDIVIDUAL GOVTS EVENTUALLY UNDERTOOK SUBSTANTIVE
REPLIES, THEY WOULD CONSULT GROUP CHAIRMAN RE FEASIBILITY
OF GROUP B MEETING, AND IF FOR ANY REASON FULL MEETING
NOT POSSIBLE WOULD UNDERTAKE CONSULT GROUP B COLLEAGUES
BILATERALLY.

3. SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS FOR UNIDO-II--NO ONE HAD
ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT TO ADD TO US RUNDOWN ON STATUS
PER VIENNA 5916 AND 6029. WE USED OCCASION TO DRAW
ATTENTION TO INDICATIONS SECRETARIAT AND LDC'S WOULD
SEEK MAKE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR IN INDUSTRY
CENTRAL SUBSTANTIVE THEME AND NEED FOR CAPITALS GIVE
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PREPARATIONS ON THIS TOPIC. WE
DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO LE GUAY PAPER (ID/B/L.167),
WHICH WE SUGGESTED IMPLIED FAR-REACHING, DIRECTIVE ROLE
FOR UNIDO. BELGIANS, BRITS AND DUTCH STATED THEY SHARED
OUR CONCERN AND SPECULATED HOW TO ENSURE REVISED VERSION
OF LE GUAY PAPER AND OTHER SECRETARIAT-PREPARED DOCUMENTATION
LESS VISIONARY AND MORE NEUTRAL. GROUP AGREED THIS
SHOULD BE EXAMINED FURTHER AT NEXT MEETING, WHICH MIGHT
BE HELD EARLY SEPTEMBER.

4. AT CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST WE GAVE RUNDOWN ON ORGANIZATIONAL
DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN SECRETARIAT. GROUP MEMBERS
VARIOUSLY AMUSED AND/OR DISTRESSED AT INDICATIONS OF
ORGANIZATION'S EGYPTIANIZATION, BUT NO ONE OFFERED
SUGGESTIONS RE REMEDIES DURING A-R'S TENURE. WE DREW
ATTENTION TO INDICATIONS LDC CANDIDATES BEING GIVEN
INCREASING PREFERENCE FOR FIELD EXPERT POSTS AS WELL
AS SECRETARIAT RECRUITMENT AND SUGGESTED CAPITALS NEEDED
ADDRESS THIS AT POLITICAL AS WELL AS TECHNICAL LEVELS,
SEEKING CONCLUDE EXTENT TO WHICH GROUP B GOVTS WISHED
OPPOSE THIS TREND PUBLICLY AND COLLECTIVELY. CHAIRMAN
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SUGGESTED THIS BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT FUTURE MEETING
AND ALSO IN PREPARATION FOR UNIDO-II.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP--BELGIAN PERMREP REPORTED
ALGERIAN CANDIDATE APPEARED HAVE EVAPORATED (VIENNA
6163 AND USUN 2412). ITALIAN MISOFF, ATTRIBUTING HIS
SOURCE AS FERNANDINI HIMSELF, SAID FERNANDINI NOW HAS
ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT FROM GROUP D (SOCIALISTS) BUT IS

INCREASINGLY UNEASY THAT A-R MAY YET STAND AND BE REAPPOINTED; HE HAS SOME EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES, BUT REGARDS ASIAN BLOC, WHICH HAS NOT YET COMMITTED ITSELF, AS IMPORTANT QUESTION MARK TO HIS PROSPECTS. ITALY HAS FORMALLY COMMITTED ITSELF TO SUPPORT FERNANDINI, AS HAS SPAIN. (NETHERLANDS TOLD US PRIVATELY THEY ARE ALSO SUPPORTING FERNANDINI.) AUSTRIA REPORTED THAT IT HAD INFORMED FERNANDINI OF THEIR SUPPORT PROVIDED A-R DOES NOT STAND.

6. AT JAPANESE REQUEST, ITEM ON GROUP B CANDIDACIES FOR ELECTION TO IDB AT 29TH GA INTRODUCED. JAPAN AND US STATED THEY WERE CANDIDATES FOR REELECTION, FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS "ASSUMED" THEY WOULD SEEK REELCTION, SWEDEN "HAD IMPRESSION" GOS WOULD STAND FOR SEAT BEING VACATED BY DENMARK.

7. PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS INDICATE EC GOVT POSITIONS ON WHETHER UTILIZE OECD/DAC FOR UNIDO-II PREPARATIONS HAVE NOT PROGRESSED BEYOND STATUS REPORTED IN PARA 3 OF VIENNA 5737.GRIBBLE

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